

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



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Policy Subject: Adult Benefits Waiver

Affected Programs: State Medical Program

Distribution: CMHSPs, Practitioner, Hospital

Policy Summary: The Department of Community Health has filed a 1115 (b) demonstration waiver under Title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide coverage to an additional 62,000 residents of Michigan with income at or below 35% of the federal poverty level. This expansion of benefits (Adult Benefit Waiver) will include childless adults from 18 through 64 years of age. The bulletin informs providers of the mental health and substance abuse benefit that will be available to beneficiaries under the waiver.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Community Health
Medical Services Administration

Distribution: Community Mental Health Services Programs
Practitioner
Hospital

Issued: June 1, 2003 (proposed)

Subject: Mental Health/Substance Abuse Benefit Under the Adult Benefits Waiver

Effective: July 1, 2003 (proposed)

Programs Affected: State Medical Program

On July 1, 2003, a new category of eligibility will be established through the Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW) authorized under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. The new category will replace the current State Medical Program. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of the mental health and substance abuse coverage benefit for this eligibility category. Coverage changes from the SMP to the waiver program will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2003.

The mental health and substance abuse coverage included in the Adults Benefit Waiver is a limited benefit, both in terms of the scope and the amount of services. Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) are responsible for the provision of the following mental health services to adults enrolled in the Adult Benefits Waiver I Program, when medically necessary and within applicable benefit restrictions:

- Crisis stabilization and response for mental health-related emergency situations and/or conditions;
- Identification, assessment and diagnostic evaluation to determine the beneficiary's mental health status, condition and specific needs;
- Inpatient hospital psychiatric care for beneficiaries with a mental illness and who require care in a 24-hour medically-structured and -supervised licensed facility;
 - Psychotherapy or counseling (individual, family, group) when indicated;
 - Interpretation or explanation of results of psychiatric examination, other medical examinations and procedures, or other accumulated data to family or other responsible persons, or advising them how to assist the beneficiary;
 - Pharmacological management, including prescription, administration, and review of medication use and effects;
 - Specialized community mental health clinical and rehabilitation services, including case management, psychosocial interventions and other community supports, as necessary, and when utilized as an alternative to more restrictive care or placement.

Any beneficiary liability for the cost of covered services shall be determined by each CMHSP, according to the ability-to-pay provisions of the Michigan Mental Health Code and applicable administrative rules.

Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies (CAs) are responsible for the following substance abuse services for adults enrolled in the Adults Benefit Waiver, when medically necessary and within applicable benefit limitations:

- Outpatient substance abuse assessment, evaluation and treatment;
- Intensive substance abuse services (intensive outpatient program – IOP);
- Methadone treatment and other chemotherapy;
- Other treatments and supports deemed appropriate and necessary by the CA to foster positive treatment outcomes.

For additional information regarding eligibility and coverage under the ABW, refer to draft policy projects 0325-HCEP and 0326-SMP that are available on the MDCH website at www.michigan.gov/mdch. Once in the website, click on Providers, Information for Medicaid Providers, Medicaid Policy.